

THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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Now is the time to have your straw hat cleaned.

For the sake of peace give the women the ballot!

Why fear at the spring post when we all feel the same way?

Soon will be warm enough for the open-window cornet player.

The milliners have solved the problem: What shall we do with our wastebaskets?

It must be much pleasanter to pilot a war balloon before hostilities begin than afterward.

Now the price of liberty is quoted at the market rate of a sufficient supply of Dreadnoughts.

London complains of a shortage of doctors. The diploma mills must be more exacting over there.

A wise man will enjoy every pleasant day to the fullest extent, for he never knows what is coming.

The taxicab is after all an automobile, and it does not hesitate to run over the innocent pedestrian.

An English peeress has written a cookery book. Perhaps the reaction from the suffragette craze is coming.

The treasury department, it is said, is about to have new designs prepared for the nickel five-cent pieces and the more or less copper one-cent coins. If possible the designs should be drawn so as not to resemble in any degree the designs on the new five-dollar gold pieces.

Each succeeding generation is better than the last. That is why we do not burn witches nor own slaves. And we do many things which our children's children will think criminal and silly. Our youngsters have every indication of living in a better time than we have seen.

If the Chicago police have captured the leader of the Black Hand in that city, they have done an excellent work. It is said that this man has given information concerning his fellows. He was arrested in the act of taking money from an Italian physician, who had been threatened by the gang.

A look-on in Venice—Illinois, not Italy—might well be surprised that the recent spanking of three boys in that peaceful village should be so elaborately treated by the metropolitan press. Time was when this was an almost daily observance in every home in the land that boasted young barbarians at play. "The old order changeth."

A railroad posts in its suburban cars warnings against "disembarking from the cars in the terminal yards." This, as the Frenchman observed, is most well; but might it not be worth while to join with it an admonition to the careless suburbanite to cease disembarking on the port side of the trains at stations where the platform lies to starboard?

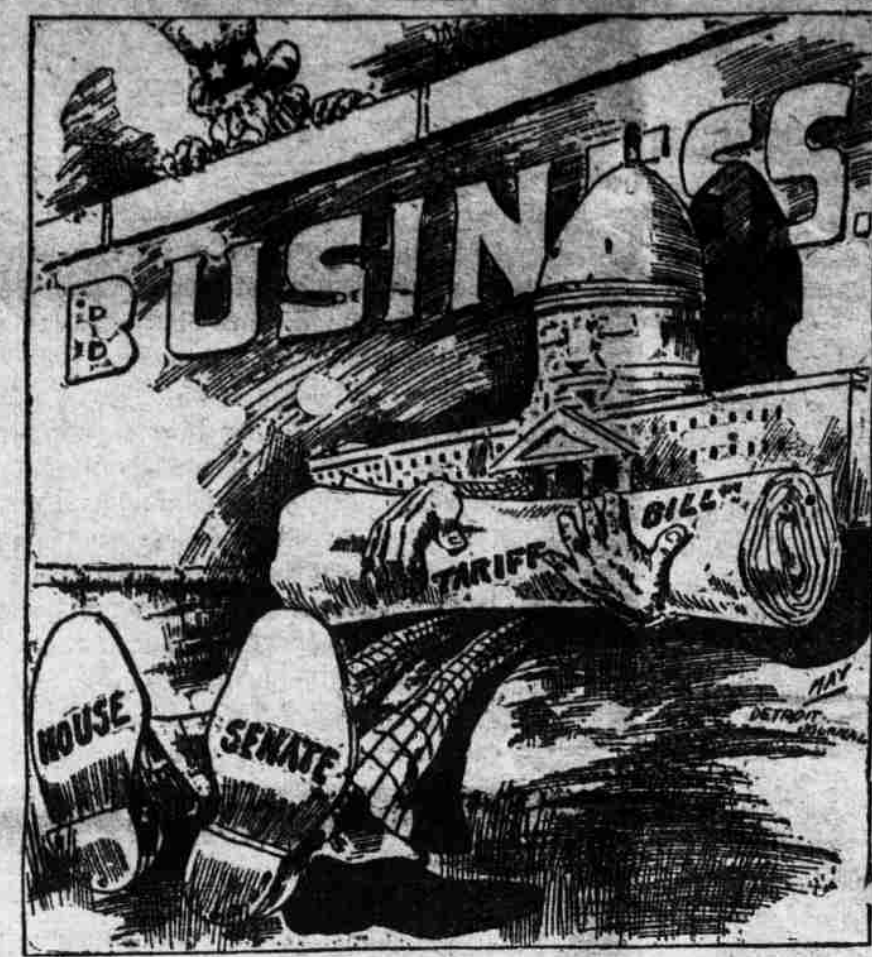
The coast artillery companies at Fort Washington, Md., claim the world's record in mortar firing, having hit a target moving at the rate of five miles an hour six times in ten shots at a distance of from 4,000 to 6,000 yards, and the ten shots were fired in less than 6 1/2 minutes. With marksmanship reduced to an exact science the leviathan battleships will have to be wary.

An American company is to be formed to capitalize an expedition to search in the ocean for the hidden treasures of Capt. Kidd. As a hider that practical gentleman is still holding the record. He would be worth his weight in his own gold at this day, when other hidden treasures are being dragged to light by probes, investigations and other forms of "trust-busting."

How culpably ignorant of the early history of our country the children are being kept is freshly illustrated by some examination papers filed at a recent college examination, in which it was stated that Gen. Grant and Admiral Farragut commanded in the British army and navy during the revolution. Apparently good work will be found for every post in detailing comrades to inspect the duties of the children in the schools.

The New York taxicabs having become established the inevitable result follows that their proprietors are feeling around for the highest charges that the traffic will bear. This is so usual as to create little surprise; but the public would like for once to see how it seems to encounter a public service novelty that is conducted on the effete notion of discovering the lowest prices that will yield bigger profits by multiplying the traffic.

UNCLE SAM—IS THIS THE AFRICAN SLEEPING SICKNESS?



WIND RAIN AND HAIL

EASTERN AND CENTRAL KANSAS DRENCHED.

Tornadoes Reported near Holsington and Floods at Leavenworth—Emporia Suffered From Hail.

Topeka, Kansas.—Hard wind, rain and hail storms, at places reaching the velocity of tornadoes, occurred generally over the eastern and central portion of Kansas. The hardest storms occurred at Holsington, where a boy was killed, several persons injured and many houses wrecked and near Holsington four buildings on the Walker ranch were demolished and the residents driven to a cyclone cellar for protection. A hard hail storm occurred at Emporia, hail stones as large as hen's eggs falling, accompanied by a hard rain, the precipitation amounting to over two inches.

Leavenworth, Kansas.—Reports received here indicate a demoralization of railway traffic on all lines in this locality. A heavy rain fell here and streams of the surrounding country are out of their banks. Heavy damage to crops in the creek bottoms is reported.

Holsington, Kansas.—Reports from Larned southwest of here are that the tornado swept over the country surrounding the town, did great property damage and injured several persons. Many ranch buildings were destroyed and several horses killed.

Verdict for \$35,000 Damage.

Nevada, Missouri.—A circuit court judgment for \$35,000 secured by James Pangle against the Kansas City Southern Railway has been upheld by the state supreme court. This is the largest personal damage suit ever affirmed by the supreme court. Pangle was a brakeman and was injured by the railroad. After receiving judgment in the lower court he died but his widow will receive the damage awarded him.

The First Roosevelt Trophies.

Nairobi, East British Africa.—Edmund Heller, one of the zoologists of the Roosevelt expedition, came into Nairobi with some 50 specimens of animal and bird life that are to be cured and preserved here. They include one rhinoceros, six lions, two giraffes, twenty smaller kinds of game and a variety of birds.

A Big Class of Young Lawyers.

Jefferson City.—The state board of law examiners opened a session here in the supreme court building to examine applicants for license to practice law. There are 139 applicants in the class, and the examinations will last all week. This is the largest class that ever appeared before the board.

Must Attend Naval Conference.

Washington, D. C.—Half a dozen naval officers were ordered to duty in attendance on the summer conference of officers at the naval war college, Newport, R. I., which begins June 1 under the direction of Rear Admiral John P. Merrell, retired, president of the college.

German Lottery Agent Arrested.

Chicago, Illinois.—Martin Oppenheim, alleged agent of German lottery companies, was arrested here at the instance of United States District Attorney Sims. Thirty lottery tickets for the June drawing of the Hamburg lottery, said to be owned by the German government were confiscated.

RESTRAIN THE COMMISSION.

Seven Western Railroads Object to Merchandise Rates to Denver.

Chicago, Illinois.—A petition was filed in the United States circuit court here by seven Western railroads asking an order restraining the interstate commerce commission from enforcing its order reducing class rates on merchandise shipped from this city and St. Louis to Denver.

The order of the commission will become effective June 1. It was issued in the Kindel case, March 2. The railroads seeking relief from this are the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, the Chicago & Northwestern, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, the Missouri Pacific and the Wabash.

The railroads claim that the new rates will give Chicago shippers an advantage of 25 cents a 100 pounds in rates over Missouri river shippers and an advantage to St. Louis shippers of 23 cents a 100 pounds. It is alleged in the petition that the loss to the seven railroads annually will amount to \$1,000,000 if the commission's order is allowed to become effective.

The railroads maintain that the middle west has grown up as a result of the existing rates and that the commission now seeks to change the system with a result tending to give advantage to the East.

Prison Life in Russia.

St. Petersburg.—The Socialists have introduced in the Duma an interpolation drawing a terrible indictment against the administration in the Russian prisons which are described as veritable torture cells, seething with typhoid and scurvy. It is declared, as an instance of the awful conditions that the prison at Yakaterinoslav, which has been provided with accommodations for 280 prisoners contains 1,200 prisoners, 192 of whom are suffering from typhoid fever. Prisoners in the fortress at Tiflis it is asserted who venture to the windows for air, are shot without warning.

Tributes to Meredith.

London, England.—The British public and press are making ample atonement on the death of the foremost English novelist, for any neglect he suffered during his lifetime. Not even the death of Swinburne called out such universal warm tributes of admiration and affection as that of George Meredith. The death of the novelist is felt as a more intimate personal loss than that of the poet.

Prison Sentence for Hains.

Flushing, New York.—Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., U. S. A. faces a prison term of from one to 20 years. Despite the testimony submitted by the defense as tending to show insanity, he was convicted of manslaughter in the first degree for killing William E. Annis at the Bayside Yacht club last August.

Kansas Woman Died On a Train.

Hiawatha, Kan.—Mrs. Adam Schilling, a pioneer resident of Hiawatha, died on a train in Colorado while making the trip home from California where she has been for about a year. Her death probably was due to heart failure on account of the high altitude.

A Lid By Socialist.

Stillwater, Ok.—The "lid" has been put on in Stillwater by the new Socialist mayor, A. F. Rogers. Even bootblacks cannot operate on Sunday. Three negro "shiners" were arrested for violating the ordinance and fined \$7.50 each.

HENRY H. ROGERS IS DEAD

ANOTHER STANDARD OIL FINANCIER HAS GONE.

A Stroke of Apoplexy Brought His Life to Sudden End—Surprise to Wall Street.

New York, N. Y.—H. H. Rogers, the Standard Oil capitalist, whose wealth was estimated at \$100,000,000, is dead.

Mr. Rogers died at his house, 3 East Seventy-eighth street. He arose as he usually did, about 5 o'clock. At 6 o'clock he complained of feeling ill, and a physician was hurriedly summoned. Mr. Rogers' heart action was



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weak, and it was apparent he was suffering from a stroke of apoplexy. In spite of all that could be done for him Mr. Rogers sank rapidly and the end came peacefully.

This was the second illness of this nature suffered by Mr. Rogers, the first having been in July, 1907.

Following the seizure of apoplexy in 1907, Mr. Rogers began putting his affairs in order and he has been out of the stock market entirely for months. His interests in all of the corporations with which he has been identified have been placed in other hands in the last year. This step was taken in order to safeguard his properties in the event of sudden death.

The news of the death was a surprise to Wall street. Mr. Rogers was at the office of the Standard Oil company the day before and seemed in good spirits. His health had been failing somewhat for several years, and he had curtailed his financial operations to some extent on that account, but he continued to perform the duties of vice president of the Standard Oil company.

WESTERN UNION MUST PAY.

The Kansas Tax Law Declared Valid by Judge Pollock.

Topeka, Kansas.—Judge Pollock of the United States district court has handed down a decision upholding the validity of the Kansas state law and upholding the assessment levied against the Western Union Telegraph company. The telegraph company was assessed on a valuation of \$3,154,000, fixed by the state tax board. Suit was brought in the federal court to enjoin the collection of taxes on the ground that the assessment was excessive and the constitutionality of the law creating the state board was attacked.

Judge Pollock held that the telegraph company should have applied to the state board of equalization for relief.

His Portrait to Morgan.

New York, N. Y.—Emperor William in recognition of his good offices in connection with the exhibition of German contemporary art, recently held at the Metropolitan Museum, has presented to J. Pierpont Morgan, president of the museum, his portrait bearing his signature.

TO REDUCE UNEMPLOYED.

England May Try System of Labor Exchange and Insurance.

London, England.—The Westminster Churchill, president of the board of trade, announced in the house of commons that he would introduce a government bill creating a national system of labor exchange similar to those already existing on the continent of Europe, with a view to better organizing labor and reducing unemployment in London and other English cities.

With this new departure, he said, the government also intended to associate a policy of unemployment insurance.

Booth Buys 10,000 Acres.

Winnipeg, Manitoba.—General Booth, head of the Salvation Army, has called approving the purchase of 10,000 acres of irrigated land south of Calgary, Alberta, from the Canadian Pacific railway on which he will settle a party from the slums of London this year. He will personally visit the land in September.

NEW LIFE AND STRENGTH

Obtained Through Proper Action of the Kidneys.

Mrs. Josiah Straw, 526 N. Broadway, Canton, So. Dak., says: "I suffered for some time with rheumatic pains in my limbs and was weak and languid. The irregularity of the kidney secretions also caused much annoyance. After using Doan's Kidney Pills I did not have these troubles. They seemed to put new life and strength into my system and helped me in every way. My husband had an experience almost the same, and it is with pleasure that we both recommend Doan's Kidney Pills."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

WHERE PAT DREW THE LINE.

Patient and Long Suffering, But No Man with a Face Like That Could Work with Him.

Pat had been at work for three days digging a well, and as the foreman wanted it finished within the week he had promised Pat another man to help him. It was getting on for 11 o'clock, and Towser, the foreman's bulldog, was looking over the edge of the pit, when Pat said to himself, "Smoke-o."

He had just filled his pipe, and was about to light it when he glanced up and beheld Towser's handsome features.

Slowly removing the pipe from his mouth, he said: "Be-e-egorra, Ol've wor-kerd wid Germans and Hengarr-rians, and Ol've wor-kerd wid Oitall-ians and naygers, but if a man wid a face like that comes down here to work beside me, I gets up."

ANOTHER TERROR.



Frightened Pup—Gee! I always heard that women were going into everything; but I never knew there were lady dog catchers;

Counsel Sought from Christian Men.

An evidence of the part which our missionary colleges are to play in the reconstruction of Turkey is found in the appointment of two professors in Euphrates college on a committee to consider educational measures for one of the large interior provinces. One, Prof. N. Tenekijian, several years ago served a term of six months in prison, being falsely accused of disloyalty, and Prof. Nahigian studied for a time under President Angell at Ann Arbor. Both are scholarly and earnest Christian men. The same governor has also asked Dr. H. N. Barnum, the veteran missionary of the American board in eastern Turkey, to suggest what in his judgment will promote popular education and social reform.

LIGHT BOOZE

Do You Drink It?

A minister's wife had quite a tussle with coffee and her experience is interesting. She says:

"During the two years of my training as a nurse, while on night duty, I became addicted to coffee drinking. Between midnight and four in the morning, when the patients were asleep, there was little to do except make the rounds, and it was quite natural that I should want a good, hot cup of coffee about that time. It stimulated me and I could keep awake better."

"After three or four years of coffee drinking I became a nervous wreck and thought that I simply could not live without my coffee. All this time I was subject to frequent bilious attacks, sometimes so severe as to keep me in bed for several days."

"After being married, Husband begged me to leave off coffee for he feared that it had already hurt me almost beyond repair, so I resolved to make an effort to release myself from the hurtful habit."

"I began taking Postum, and for a few days felt the languid, tired feeling from the lack of the stimulant, but I liked the taste of Postum and that answered for the breakfast beverage all right."

"Finally I began to feel clearer headed and had steadier nerves. After a year's use of Postum I now feel like a new woman—have not had any bilious attacks since I left off coffee."

"There's a Reason." Read "The Road to Wellville," in pgs. 10-11.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of common sense.